

Leader Guide

Equip

Read John 6:1-14. In John 6:5, Jesus asked His disciple, Philip, "Where will we buy enough food to feed all these people?" It says in scripture that Jesus already knew what He was about to do, but He wanted to stretch Philip's faith.

Even though the disciples had been with Jesus and seen Him perform many miracles, they didn't immediately say, "Lord, we trust that You can provide for all these people!" Instead, they went on a food search and frantically tried to solve this problem by themselves.

Support

It is a simple fact that new challenges often expose a deficiency in our faith and highlight any weak area in our lives. Jesus knew exactly how He was going to meet the need, but He asked Philip the question so Philip's lack of faith would be exposed. Don't be surprised if Jesus asks you to do something that seems impossible to your natural mind. When He tells you that He expects you to take a leap of faith and accomplish what others say can't be done, His request may expose the fact that you need to work a little more on your faith.

So the next time Jesus gives you a fabulous, impossible looking job to do, rejoice if it reveals a little shakiness in your ability to believe. Now you know that you have a deficiency in your faith walk and you can start today to do something about it!

Preschool Lesson: May 30

Main Point: God Is Generous

Intro: 15 Minutes

Welcome kids as they arrive. They are allowed to play with toys, color, or play outside if weather permits.

Transition Time: 10 Minutes

Have kids clean up all the toys and turn the toy shelves around so toys are no longer accessible. Then have the kids wash their hands and come sit at the table to eat a snack and have some water. Also encourage them to use the restroom at this time.

Activity #1: 10 Minutes | Show and Tell Fish and Bread

Supplies: Basket, Two tiny goldfish crackers, five saltine crackers

Instructions: Put the two small goldfish crackers and five saltine crackers in the basket. Walk around the room showing each child what is in the basket.

Say: What do you see in this basket? Pretend it's two real fish and 5 loaves of bread. How many people do we have in this classroom? Ask the children to count how many people are in the room and include the leaders/volunteers. Ask the children, **“Do you think these two fish and 5 crackers will be enough to feed us all and fill our tummies?”** Allow children's responses. **Today, we are going to hear a part of the Big Story where Jesus feeds 5,000 people with just two small fish and 5 loaves of bread. Let's open our day in prayer.** Ask a child to pray for the service.

Lesson Intro & Worship: 10 minutes

Have kids come sit down on the carpet. Encourage them to each find their own "square" to sit/stand in.

Pass out worship instruments and sing Jesus loves me with the children.

Bible Story: 15 Minutes

Say: God is generous. Do you know what generous means? Generous means a willingness to give to others. Let's dive into this part of the Big God Story.

Read Bible Story to the Children. Bible is located in classroom and tabbed.

Play Video Jesus Feeds the 5,000 by Saddleback Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6rj9cAJrWE>

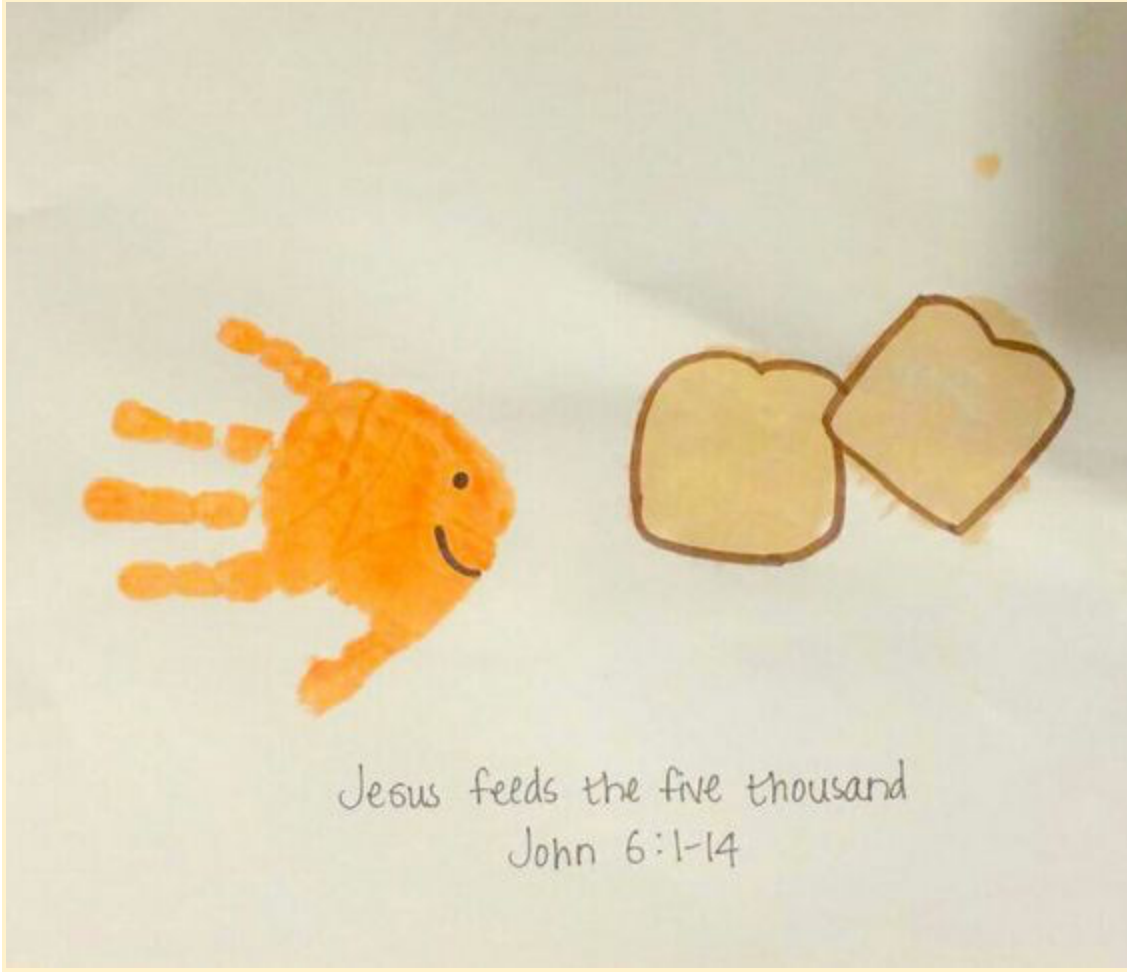
Say: God has given us many blessings, because He is generous. We can use those blessings to help others. Let's take a minute to think about all the wonderful things God has given us. Allow children to think. Have the children stand up and spread out. Now we're going to have a time of prayer together to thank God. I'll start. "God, thank You for (share something you're thankful for—your home, your church, etc. ." Now it's your turn. Say repeat after me. Thank you Jesus for my family. Thank you Jesus for this church. Thank you Jesus for my clothes. Thank you Jesus for my toys. Thank you Jesus that I get to play on this playground. Thank you Jesus for being generous. Thank you Jesus for loving me!

Let's end in prayer: (Child's name), God has given you many blessings. May you use those blessings to help others this week. In Jesus name we pray, Amen

Activity #2: 10 Minutes | Jesus Feeds The Five Thousand

Supplies: White Paper, Orange paint, brown paint, black markers, brown markers, paper plates to hold paint

Instructions: Help the children write the scripture at the bottom of the page. Place orange paint on a paper plate. Help the children place their hand in the orange paint and make a handprint on the white paper as seen in the picture below. Children can finger paint the loaves of bread. Allow the paint to dry. Help the children make a smiley face on the fish as seen below.

**Ending:**

Let kids play until parents arrive. They are allowed to play with toys, color, or play outside if weather permits.

As parents pick their children up, tell them the main points we talked about today and the activities we did. Please make sure kids take home all the things that they came with (ex. Jackets or toys) and any crafts they made in class.

After children are gone, please wipe down the chairs and tables and switch out the toys with the clean ones in the cabinet.